against this transfer?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) The Government transferred Shri Justice P.S. Mishra from the Patna High Court to the Madras High Court on the recommendation of the Chief Justice of India, and after due consideration. The seniority of Shri Justice P.S. Mishra in the Madras High Court has also been fixed on the advice of the Chief Justice of India in accordance with the principle adopted in cases of transfer of puisne Judges from one High Court to another.

Having regard to the policy guidelines, the transfer of Shri Justice P.S. Mishra will not affect the legitimate expectation of any Judge of the Madras High Court to become a permanent Chief Justice in his turn.

Introduction of rationalised steel distribution policy

433. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a rationalised steel distribution policy;

(b) if so, what are its details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to supply steel to small scale units through their associations in order to avoid intermediaries?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Report of Task Force appointed for the purpose is under Examination.

(c) No, Sir.

Sick textile mills taken over by NTC

434. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sick mills that have been taken over so far by the National Textile Corporation;

(b) what is the number of units that are running in profits and how many are incurring losses; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to revive the loss incurring sick textile mills?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) At present, National Textile Corporation is managing 109 nationalised and 15 managed mills.

(b) During the year 1989-90, out of 122 NTC mills in operation, 30 mills made net profit and 92 mills incurred net losses.

(c) Improving the performance of textile mills under NTC is a continuous process. A turnaround strategy has been prepared, which includes:—

(i) modernisation of selected mills;

(ii) pruning uneconomic activities;

(iii) optimising economic capacities;

(iv) higher productivity;

(v) implementation of Special Voluntary Retirement Scheme;

(vi) competitive purchase of raw materials;

(vii) higher quantum of yarn production;

(viii) price optimisation;

(ix) product upgradation.